



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Case Managers, participants, and providers of a change to the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) in accordance with cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Old Age Pension (OAP).

### **Background:**

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.495.7.A, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) shall establish a uniform payment for all Medicaid recipients in Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) and Supported Living Programs (SLP). If the Colorado Department of Human Services also raises its grant amounts, this payment is permitted to rise in a dollar-for-dollar relationship to any increase in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grant standard.

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.603.5.K, the maximum monthly amount charged to individuals receiving Residential Habilitation services through the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) must not exceed an amount equal to the monthly benefit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), less an amount specified by the Department for personal needs.

This is applicable to the Group Residential Support Services (GRSS) and Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS).

### **Changes to Room and Board and Personal Needs:**

Effective January 1, 2021 there will be a 1.3 percent cost-of-living-adjustment to both Social Security and OAP beneficiaries. The maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$794.00 per month, and the maximum OAP amount will increase to \$832.00 per month. In response to the COLA increases, the Department is adjusting the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA), but Room and Board payment amounts will remain the same for clients utilizing Group Residential Support Services (GRSS), Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS), and for Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) and Supported Living Programs (SLP).

The minimum amount participants must receive for their PNA will increase to \$94.00 per month. The maximum amount a residential provider may charge a participant in a GRSS, IRSS, ACF or SLP setting for Room and Board will remain at \$700.00. The current and past amounts are calculated in the table below:

	2019 R&B	2020 R&B	2021 R&B	2019 PNA	2020 PNA	2021 PNA
ACF/SLP/ GRSS/ IRSS	\$695	\$700	\$700	\$76	\$83	\$94

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